

THE KERNEL



Newsletter of Campbelltown and Airds Historical Society Inc

July 2011

From The President and Curator:

Welcome to the July edition of the Kernel. This should be my last report as I am nearing the end of my 3rd year as President.

We have run several successful stalls recently to raise both money and our public profile. We have also hosted 4 tour groups and have another 4 booked during the next few months. Other special functions held recently at Glenalvon have been a 25th Birthday High Tea, and a wedding ceremony and photos. One wedding and a wedding photo shoot have already been booked for next year.

Open Days are becoming increasingly more popular, resulting in a need for more tour guides for Glenalvon. Ongoing and on-the-job training is provided, so if you are interested in joining our small band of Museum volunteers, please contact Jackie Green on 0402 008 970, or come in to Glenalvon on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday morning to discuss opportunities.

Appin Historical Society has access to Beulah, once owned by the Hume family and now part of the Historic Houses Trust's Endangered Houses Fund project, and can organize tours – contact is Ray Slee.

Unfortunately Milby Hospital/Kendall's Millhouse did not get through the State Heritage listing process.

John and Lyn Rankin from the Seniors Lifestyle publications visited Glenalvon recently. They were most impressed with the house and displays and hopefully my article on how we achieved so much in such a short time will be printed in their next publication.

The Cavalcade of History and Fashion presentation on 18th June was very successful with 86 tickets pre-sold. Everyone enjoyed the show immensely and I am considering running a different Cavalcade presentation next year. This presentation would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of our team of seven volunteers, especially Robyn Usher and Carole Cockshott. Our thanks also go to the Residents Committee of Macarthur Village for the use of their Activity Hall.

The June meeting of our Museums Australia Chapter was held here on Sunday June 19th. Rebecca Evans

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from the PowerHouse gave a presentation in the afternoon on textiles and the Dress Register. Feedback from the meeting was "a wonderful meeting, and the food was exceptional". Thank you volunteers for all your hard work for these events.

The theme of this year's History Week will be EAT History – The Edible, Appetising and Tasty History of food. 3-11 September, 2011. We will feature the Agricultural Shed display and images of orchards, agriculture and dairying for the Tuesday and Saturday Open Days and domestic items in the Servants Quarters.

I hope everyone has decided which position they are standing for next elections as there are several vacancies. Nomination forms are available, and membership renewals are due as well.

Thank you all for your support.

Jackie Green. President & Curator

Open Days and Meeting Programme:

The Museum is open to visitors on 1st Tuesday, 2nd Saturday, 3rd Wednesday of each month, February to Mid December, 10.00am-1.00pm; other times by appointment.

Visitors welcome at all general meetings, held on 4th Saturday of each month commencing at 1.30pm.

Saturday, July 23rd, meeting 1.30 pm - speaker John Wrigley, from Camden Historical Society. John's topic will be 'Camden and Campbelltown Connections - Families that overlapped the Boundaries'.

Saturday, August 13th, open morning 10am - 1pm tours of the house and grounds.

Saturday, August 20th Ivor G. Thomas Lecture. Theme: Electricity in Campbelltown. Title 'Lighting up Campbelltown' See details on separate invitation.

Saturday, August 27th Annual General meeting 1.30 pm then speaker Allen McClelland 'The History, Care and Culture of Camellias'.

Saturday, September 24th, meeting 1.30 pm - speaker Judy Pack from Liverpool Historical Society. Topic 'Liverpool Bi-Centennial'.

Saturday, October 22nd - meeting 1.30pm then speakers on 'Early Historians in Our Area'

November, 1st and 2nd Saturdays - Fishers Ghost Festival Events.

Saturday, November 26th - Members Choice - Theme to be advised.

From the Museum

Ken Green is continuing his sponsorship of the oil lamps in the collection – getting them back to original standard with reproduction fittings.

The collection work is proceeding slowly - June and Neville Vercoe are up to date with the photo project. John and David are labouring long and hard on entering the photo cards into MOSAiC and setting up the website. Clarice has been away for 2 weeks but the John Jeremy bottle collection has now been catalogued, photographed and stored in the Coach house.

The 1910's dress belonging to Hilda Davidson, the last private owner of Glenalvon, was beautifully restored by ICS and featured at both the Chapter Meeting and the Cavalcade presentation. We displayed other outer wear items from our collection at Cavalcade as the theme was Pioneers and Petticoats, and I wanted to also present the finished "look" as well as locally provenanced historic costumes.

I will be attending a Collections MOSAiC Plus version 10 computer course at Chatswood this month. I successfully applied for a Leg Ups grant to help with costs.

If you are interested in helping with the Museum – either with the collection or as tour guide please contact Jackie on 0402 008 970.

Please come and visit your Museum to see what is new.

Jackie Green, Curator

Ivor G Thomas Lecture: "Lighting Up Campbelltown"

Saturday, 20th August 2011. 1 pm at Moore Hall, St David's Church, Lithgow Street, Campbelltown. \$10 per ticket, includes afternoon tea.

Members and friends welcome.

* Bookings are essential for catering purposes.

Condolences

Many of our members joined a large company of mourners from far and wide at the funeral of Stan Reeve of Gowrie Farm on Tuesday 28th June, at St. David's Presbyterian Church, Lithgow St. Campbelltown. Sympathy is extended to Stan's wife Margaret and his family.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of Audrey Heins who passed away recently. Although living at a retirement village at North Parramatta, Audrey kept up her membership in the Society. She was a descendant of the Longhurst family, and gave us a lot of information and photographs on Richmond Villa.

Research

There is a request for information about a property "Mt Ashby" in Eagleview Road, Minto and a family named Kingdon who lived there.

For research enquiries please contact Marie Holmes. marieholmes@iprimus.com.au

From the Librarian

Carol Liston's 'Campbelltown A Bi-Centennial History' although written in 1988 is still very worth looking at for research or enjoyment. It is a very comprehensive history of Campbelltown, especially up to the 1950's. Browse through the copy in our Library.

Members interests

Learna Coupe and Stella Vernon attended Narellan Library on Saturday 2nd July to hear Paul Brunton speak about Matthew Flinders. Paul has researched his subject meticulously and touched on many aspects of Flinders life not previously known. He explored carefully the charts on the exploration of Australia's coastline, which resulted in the map which included the first mention of the name 'Australia' A talk well worth hearing if you have another chance.

Volunteers are still needed. We currently need some additional Glenalvon tour guides. Give Jackie or Jenny a ring to find the most suitable time to come. Tour guides are given plenty of training, and do not have to take up the duty alone until they feel ready.

Our next coach trip

The next bus trip will be to Carrs Park / St George area, Saturday 15th October, 2011. Cost will be \$40 each. Please contact Jackie Green or Learna Coupe for more details.

New Website

Please visit the updated website at www.cahs.com.au. Note our garden section.

John White

If you would like to learn more about how the Society and/or Museum works, please join us at Glenalvon on one of our usual Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday administration mornings. Contact Jackie on Mob 0402 008 970 or Jenny on 0417 556 756.